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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: David A. Schwartz, et al.
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Group Art Unit: 2667 Technology Center 2600
Examiner: WATMAN
Kamran Emdadi
Confirmation No.: 3856
Title: System and Method for Communicating Data Packets Using a
Backplane Switch

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 27, 2003, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the present Application so that the Examiner can reconsider the rejection of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments and remarks set forth below.